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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868) on 29 September 2004.

2. The application has been amended as follows: Claims 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16 have been canceled.

Specification

3. The substitute specification of 24 August 2004 is approved and the objection is removed

Claim Objections

4. The changes to the claims are agreed with and the objections to the claims are removed.

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Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steve Blau whose telephone number is (703) 308-2712. The examiner is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. If the examiner is unavailable you can contact his supervisor Greg Vidovich whose telephone number is (703) 308-1513. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858. (TC 3700 Official Fax 703-872-9306)

slb/30 September 2004

STEPHEN BLAU PRIMARY EXAMINER